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Abstract:

PURPOSE: To continue ticket issuance even when change is exhausted by ejecting an equivalent alternate card alternately when return money is in short supply.

CONSTITUTION: A CPU 2 detects difference between thrown in amount and selected fare amount, and judges whether or not the change is in short supply by collating it with the fare amount accumulated in a change accumulation part 17. When the required kind of money of the change is accumulated, an instructed passenger ticket is ejected, and prescribed change is ejected from a paper money insertion/ejection port 22 or a coin ejection port 24. Meanwhile, it is recognized that the change is in short supply, a card alternately usable button 31 and a card alternately unusable button 32 are flashed, and when it is judged that ejection by an alternate card can be permitted instead of the change by a user, the card alternately usable button 31 is depressed. Thereby, the instructed passenger ticket is ejected, and also, the alternate card is ejected from the alternate card ejection port 26 of an alternate card ejection part 16. Also, the alternate card is a card equivalent to the amount of change.

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